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Record Steel Output

London, Dec. 12. Britain's steel output in November reached its highest rate ever, the British Iron and Steel Federation announced tonight.

It was 17,472,000 tons compared with the previous best month last March of 17,147,000 tons.

The previous best November was last year with 16,358,000 tons.—Reuter.

Nationalists Or Reds To Sit On UN?

New York, Dec. 12. The UN General Assembly today created a seven nation committee to study the China representation question and report back before the end of this session.

The question before the Committee will be: Shall Nationalist China continue to sit in the UN or shall the Chinese seat be given to the Communist regime?

The Assembly voted the following countries to the Committee: Canada, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Philippines and Poland. Only two of these—India and Poland—have recognised Red China.—Associated Press.

U.S. Cabinet Meeting

Washington, Dec. 12. President Truman was with the Cabinet for nearly an hour today discussing the present emergency. Later he talked with the heads of the Economic Stabilisation Programme and National Security Resources Board. White House officials who declined to be identified, said that wage and price control are inevitable and that every effort will be made to speed the machinery to effect them.—Associated Press.

President Truman To Broadcast

Washington, Dec. 12. President Harry Truman is arranging to address the American people by radio on Friday or Saturday night on the world situation and the home front steps he believes are necessary as a result of the threat of war.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Industrial Outlook

THE industrial outlook for the next twelve months or so has seldom been harder to decipher. At present the dominating note is one of shortage. In America, restrictions on the use of steel, natural rubber and on luxury building have been imposed; in Britain zinc is already rationed and there have been warnings that other restrictions will be necessary—that will affect general living standards; internationally, a scheme for allocating to America a priority of nearly 600,000 bales of wool is to be examined with the three wool-producing Commonwealth countries. At present, moreover, rearmament has scarcely made itself felt. These and other shortages have appeared as the result only of commercial demand, plus world stockpiling. What will happen when rearmament really gets under way? On the other hand, even bearing in mind the rearmament to come, world commodity prices—with some exceptions—are obviously vulnerable. The high prices of some commodities—rubber and tin are examples—are certainly due to the snowball effect of stockpiling on top of commercial demand. Stockpiling not only mops up surplus production, it creates a shortage psychology as well; hence the recent forward buying of sterling area commodities. What would happen if some slight recession in America, remote though it now seems, should change business sentiment and put a real brake on commercial buying? Most American stocks now, it is true,

ENDORSED But US Bars Any Political Decisions

Lake Success, Dec. 12. The United States and Britain today endorsed a proposal by 13 Asian and Middle East countries for the United Nations to see if there can be a cease fire in Korea. The United States, however, barred any political decisions on the Far East until a cease fire is in full effect.

The proposal was laid before the UN Assembly's Political Committee by India's Sir Benegal Rau. Sir Benegal told the delegates that China apparently is moving toward a Monroe Doctrine for the Far East. He said also that Red China's ambassador here, General Wu Hsi-chuan, had told him that Peking wants peace.

Situation "Calmer" In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 12. The Singapore Government said tonight that the curfew order does not mean the situation is deteriorating.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr W. L. Blythe said that the situation is calmer, but warned the population not to ignore the curfew because the security forces will shoot if necessary.

If the situation demands more military reinforcements, they will be made available to see that law and order is restored, he added.

The military fire-charging move in the Eastern section of the town was unavoidable and four Chinese are reported to have been killed.

Efforts to calm the Moslems are being made by their leaders, and Mr Bin Jafa, President of the United Malays National Organisation has broadcast an appeal to keep calm and not to aggravate the situation further.—Associated Press.

Call-Up Doubled

Washington, Dec. 12. The United States Government today doubled its January call for conscripts for the armed services to 80,000 men and, at the same time, boosted its February total from 50,000 to 80,000 men.—Reuter.

Bertha With Her Mother



Here, on the right, is the little girl over whom Moslems in Singapore have engaged in riots during the past two days which have resulted in 12 people being killed and 200 injured. She is Maria Bertha Herlioz and she is pictured here with her mother after their reconciliation following a court decision that Bertha was to return to the custody of her parent.—London Express Service.

Chinese Moving Troops Toward Central Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 13. A quarter million or more Chinese Communist troops shifted the ponderous bulk of their forces toward mountainous central Korea on Tuesday, possibly for another great flanking drive against United Nations troops in the west.

Although a fog of security blotted out most troops dispositions, it was believed here that the US Eighth Army now retains only a too-hold north of the 38th Parallel.

In the northeast, the US Tenth Corps held grimly to a slender bridgehead in the Hamhung-Hungnam escape port area on the Sea of Japan, with an evacuation fleet ready if needed.

Air power remained the only United Nations offensive weapon over most of North Korea. General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in a war summary said the Reds were "advancing slowly with the centre of the mass increasingly veering toward the centre of the Korean peninsula."

Red China had a vanguard of 27 divisions—nine armies now on the war front at the head of the 1,000,000 men it has committed to the Korean campaign.

Thanks For The Refund

Brisbane, Dec. 12. An anonymous taxpayer sent the Australian Commissioner of Taxes a "fishy" claim with this letter: "Dear Sir: In appreciation of refund of 6/3 which you granted me this year we are enjoying a crayfish supper, which we (octet) would like you to enjoy with us. Hoping next year you will receive a whole crayfish."

In anticipation of a large return, Respectfully yours, Taxpayer.—Associated Press.

UN VOTES A DECORATION

New York, Dec. 12. UN forces in Korea were voted a special decoration today by the General Assembly in a plenary meeting.

The vote was 38 to 5, with two abstentions, for the award of a distinguishing ribbon or other insignia for personal participation in Korea in defence of the principle of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Soviet bloc opposed, with Yugoslavia and Syria abstaining.

US delegate Benjamin Cohen told delegates in an emotional speech that an insignia was the minimum appreciation they could show for the valour and sacrifices of the UN forces.—Associated Press.

Next Move By Chinese Reds

FROM SELKIRK PANTON Tokyo, Dec. 13.

With the bulk of the United Nations forces in Korea now pulled back below the 38th parallel, General MacArthur, the supreme commander, is waiting for the next move by the Chinese Red armies now strangely quiet. And when it comes he will have the answer to a question troubling the world: Will the Chinese cross the parallel and invade the South Korean Republic?

Both he and the Chinese commanders know that this may be decided in mediation talks now going on at Lake Success. These talks are largely responsible for the lull in the Korean fighting and are giving the Chinese time to regroup and bring up supplies, and the United Nations forces a respite to unravel the tangle of a hasty retreat and to consolidate defence positions.

Father Christmas Goes To The 27th Brigade

From Bernard Wicksteed Kure, Dec. 13.

I have met an Australian major today just back from an unusual military mission. He was sent over to Korea by the Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Robertson to be a sort of Father Christmas to the British 27th Brigade.

His name is Major R.S. Connor and his real job is looking after postings, pay, leave and discipline; so that he thought it a bit odd that the General told him to pack a suitcase full of sample Christmas presents that can be bought in Japan and take it over to the 27th Brigade to collect orders.

The idea was that as the boys in the front line couldn't do any Christmas shopping themselves he should do it for them in Japan.

The major packed his bag of samples with nylons, wrist watches and silk scarves and set off. Instead of by sleigh with reindeer, he journeyed by Dakota and jeep.

The Brigade was dug in on a series of ice-crust hills and each time he called on a company the commander shouted out "Here comes Father Christmas boys," and the lads would pop out of fox-holes and come pouring down the hills.

Altogether the major took orders worth £500 from the Argvills and £225 from the Middlesex. The Argvills went in for wrist watches (£25-18-6 with 17 jewels) and the Middle-

sex concentrated more on nylons and scarves.

The troops were dressed in full winter clothing and with his bag of samples and his order book the major was rather like the man from the insurance company. He had only got an ordinary army cap and greatcoat and caught a fearful cold.

But the sight of the boys tearing down the hills to give their orders was so moving that he decided the general's idea wasn't a bad one after all.

Each man who gave an order filled in the address it was going to on one side of a piece of paper and a message on the other. One fellow wrote "Love from Korea—I wish you were here."

The presents were packed up by volunteers in Japan and are already on their way home by the RAF.

I hope that the Customs people at home will remember where the parcels came from and will look the other way when they arrive.—London Express Service.

Coal Board Loses £460,524

London, Dec. 12. The National Coal Board announced today that it lost £460,524 during the third quarter of this year.

After a big loss during the first year of State ownership of the mines, the Board reported profits in 1948 and 1949 and during the first half of this year.

The Board's statement related the loss directly to the drift of manpower from the mines, falling production led to cuts in exports and Britain sells its coal at a higher price to overseas buyers than to those at home.

The average number of workers at 894,000 represented a drop of 24,000 over the year.

Output is going up, however, since the crisis call to miners to work an extra shift on Saturdays, it was revealed tonight.

Last Saturday's extra shift brought in an estimated 338,700 tons and the week's total was 4,500,000 tons, compared with 4,144,000 tons in the week ended November 28.

Individual output was a record.—Reuter.

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ATTLEE GIVES AN ACCOUNTING

Farce In Commons

London, Dec. 12.
In dead silence Members of Parliament today watched a Communist-sponsored peace petition carried ceremoniously into the House of Commons.

The petition, said to have been signed by 134,000 people, called for a five-power meeting to secure the banning of atomic weapons.

It was sponsored by the Communist-led British Peace Committee as a by-product of the Warsaw World Peace Congress.

At the beginning of today's session, nine solemn attendants, formally dressed in black tail-coats and white ties, bore in 38 bundles of documents containing the signatures.

A Labour Member, Mr Sydney Silverman, bowing, approached the Speaker's chair and formally presented the text of the Peace petition.

The attendants once more entered in a grave procession and this time removed the pile of signatures which throughout the ceremony had remained untouched and unopened.

Parliament is likely to take no further action than this on the petition.—Reuter.

Talks With President Truman On Use Of The Atomic Bomb

LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVE IN EAST

London, Dec. 12.
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, declared in the House of Commons today that he was fully satisfied with his talks in Washington with President Truman on the subject of the atomic bomb.

He added that he had good hopes that the forces of the United Nations would maintain themselves in Korea.

Cheers from a crowded House of Commons greeted the Prime Minister when he entered the Chamber a few hours after his return by air from Canada and the United States.

Mr Attlee told the House: "I would ask the House to accept my assurance that there is no difference between us on this vital matter." He said that the atmosphere of the talks in Washington was both frank and friendly.

He believed such meetings between the President of the United States and the British Prime Minister served not only mutual interest but the interests of the whole world.

Mr Attlee continued: "We covered a wide range of topics—political, military and economic—and I believe we made progress on all of them."

"I had no hesitation in stating the British position in all these matters with the utmost frankness. Our object was to reach the greatest possible identity of view in our approach on these matters and we achieved this in very large measure."

"On Korea and the Far East we have agreed on the immediate course our representatives at the United Nations should follow."

"We were agreed that aggression must be halted and we were equally certain that every effort should be made to prevent an extension of the conflict."

MAIN OBJECTIVE
Mr Attlee said that their long-range objective was to reach a stable position in the Far East.

With regard to the campaign in Korea, Mr Attlee said: "It is clear that the general directives of the United Nations have been followed."

On the different attitudes of Britain and the United States to the subjects of recognition of the Chinese Communist Government and Chinese representation in the United Nations, Mr Attlee said: "We did not expect that these differences could be resolved in talks lasting only a few days."

He went on to say that the defence of the West remained the first task of all the members of the Atlantic community.

He said that he was convinced that in the present circum-

stances the proposed early appointment of a Supreme Commander in the West could do more than anything else to accelerate progress in strengthening Western defences.

Mr Attlee said that the overriding purpose of the talks had been to prevent war.

HOPEFUL
On his visit to Canada, he said he found himself in close agreement with the Canadians on the matters under consideration.

"We reviewed the results of my talks in Washington and I gave particular attention to the economic aspects of the situation, including the difficulties of the supply of raw materials."

"The talks were extremely friendly and harmonious and most helpful to both of us."

Mr Attlee said that while he was in Washington he kept in close touch with the representatives of the other Commonwealth Governments.

"I am hopeful that this visit will have resulted in an increasing appreciation by all these countries of our respective points of view and will have helped towards the preservation of peace," he added amid cheers.

ATOMIC BOMB
Mr Winston Churchill, the leader of the Conservative Opposition, said that the statement made by the Prime Minister had not added much to the information already given in communiques.

He said that some clearer definition of the extremely important issue of the use of the

atomic bomb should be available before Parliament debated the question on Thursday.

When Mr Attlee said he proposed to open Thursday's debate, Mr Churchill commented: "I am very glad this statement today cannot be taken as giving the House the information in requisites for the whole range of topics."

A Labour Member, Mr Frederick Jones, asked whether Britain would be consulted and its approval necessarily obtained before the atom bomb would be used in any military action.

Mr Attlee told him: "Wait for the debate."

VERY PLAIN
Mr James Hudson, Labour, asked if President Truman said that, under the present conditions, he hoped there would be no use of the atomic bomb.

Could Mr Attlee now give a similar assurance?
The Prime Minister replied: "I think the statement in the Washington communique was very plain. The President hoped that never would there be an occasion to use the atomic bomb."—Reuter.

France To Be Made Au Fait

London, Dec. 12.
Sir Roger Makins, Deputy Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, will go to Paris tomorrow to report to the French Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on the talks between President Truman and M. Clement Attlee.

Sir Roger Makins was the senior member of the Foreign Office staff who accompanied Mr Attlee on his visit to Washington. The decision to send him to Paris to make a personal report is a courtesy reply to the London visit of the French Premier and M. Schuman before Mr Attlee went to Washington.—Reuter.

Spanish Army Increases

Madrid, Dec. 12.
The Spanish Government today published plans to increase the number of reserve officers and non-commissioned officers.

Retired Army officials still within age limits may now join the reserve for training periods. The number of university students trained as temporary officers or non-commissioned officers in summer camps will also be increased.—Reuter.

Labour Wins Vote Over Coal Board

London, Dec. 12.

The Government won a 14-vote victory over Mr Winston Churchill's Conservatives in the House of Commons tonight.

By 298 to 284 votes it defeated a Conservative motion condemning the National Coal Board which runs the State-owned coal industry and demanding an independent inquiry into its failure to get more coal.

The nine Liberals did not vote. Their spokesman, Mr Edgar Granville, said that they objected to Parliament's being "turned into an annex of the Tory Central Office for electioneering purposes" at a time of international crisis.

Later, a Government amendment was approved, also by 298 to 284 votes. This rejected the proposed inquiry as likely to divert the Board and industry from their urgent task of increasing output.

The Fuel Minister, Philip Noel-Baker, said that Britain is to import 1,200,000 tons of coal from the United States.

Altogether, Britain intends to buy about 2,000,000 tons of foreign coal.—Reuter.

Charge Of Libel Not Sustained

London, Dec. 12.

The 71-year-old publisher of an anti-Jewish news sheet, "Gothic Ripples," was today found not guilty of maliciously publishing a defamatory libel concerning London's police chief, Sir Harold Scott.

He was discharged.

The man was Arnold Spencer Leese, of Bewley Hill, Guildford, Surrey.—Reuter.

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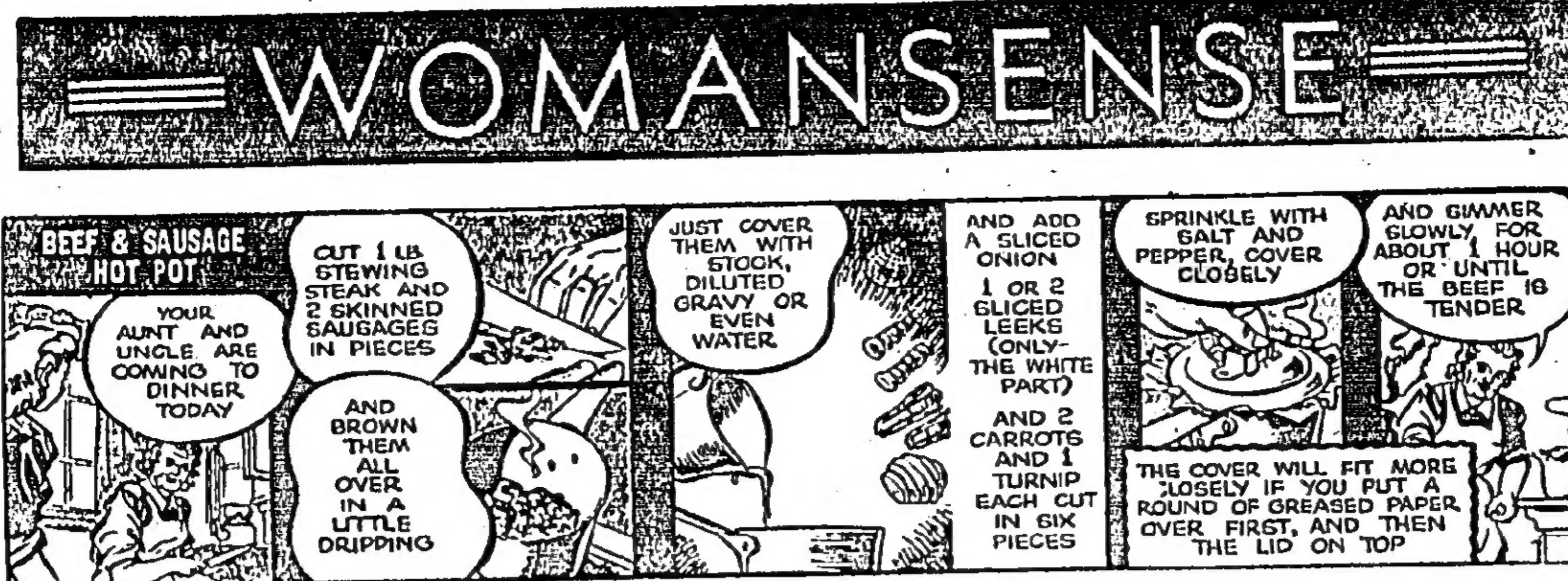


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Distorted Ideas On Facts Of Life Are Bad For The Child

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.



Film actress Sheila Bugh
wore a black chiffon gown
trimmed with white lace and a
fur stole for the premiere of the
new film "Naked Heart."

EVERY now and then you read or hear of some adult who, on coming to marriage or about to give birth to a baby, had the vaguest or the most distorted ideas of how a baby is conceived and born. But the case cited is rarely of a person of this generation but of a person whose childhood was spent long, long ago. Yet from many speakers or writers one still might get the impression that many children are now growing up in dark ignorance about the facts of life.

BEFORE ADOLESCENCE

No doubt most of today's children, long before adolescence, know far more of the facts of life than their parents knew at the same age. Indeed, some youngsters could tell their parents a few things. But thanks to the better wisdom and ways of many modern parents, more children year by year, it seems, have been acquiring the facts of life in a more wholesome fashion and at an earlier age than their parents did.

Good sex education of children by their parents aims not

only at helping the child gain the facts of life accurately but at helping him acquire them in a wholesome atmosphere with ideal relationship to his parents. Of first importance are his attitudes while gaining the facts and his attitude toward these facts as he continues to grow. Apart from sex education itself, both the child and his parents lose something very precious when this child has not gradually received essential sex facts from his parents. This lack bespeaks the absence of desirable relationship between the child and his parents.

When the growing child freely asks his parents any question, including sex questions, of great concern to him, there is a very desirable parent-child confidence and companionship. And when the child feels from accumulating experiences that all his questions are welcomed and answered kindly and companionably, he tends not only to enjoy still closer companionship with his parents but also wholesome attitudes toward these questions and their answers.

SEX ATTITUDES

Basic in good sex attitudes are a high regard for other persons, especially of the opposite sex, and everything precious to them; also sufficient self-discipline to prove and maintain this regard. As you can see, happy sex relationship in marriage presupposes this same type of regard and self-discipline. Whereas the growing child needs protection from those who might not have due respect for him, including his body, he also needs such discipline as will help him gain self-discipline toward other persons. He needs not only to know what is right but to have the self-drive to do what is right and the self-control not to do what he knows is wrong.

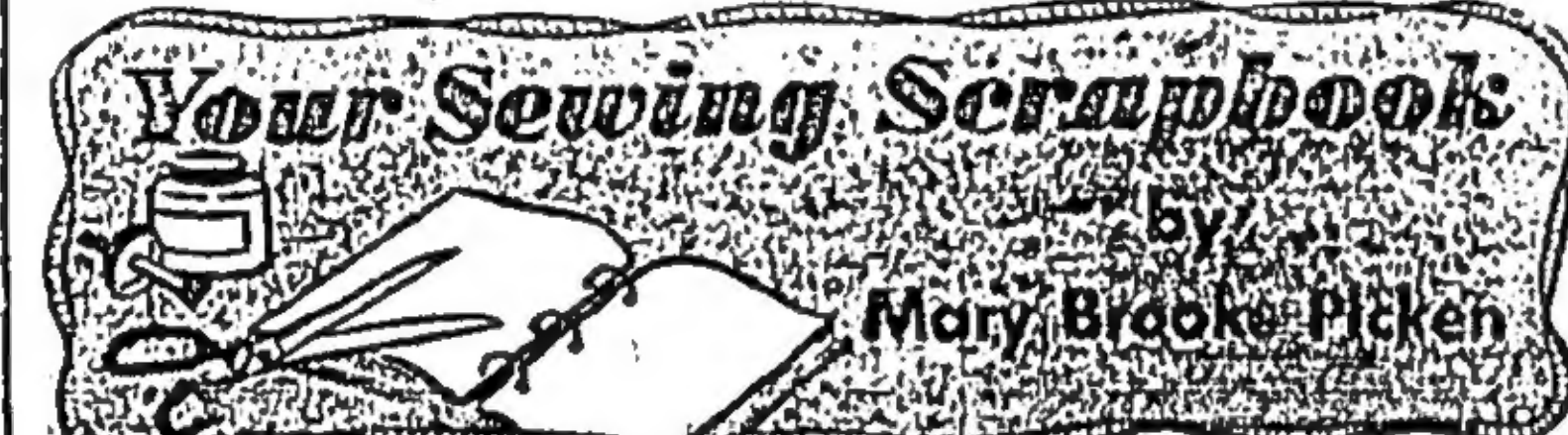
How can the child with few or no inhibitions at five, twelve or fifteen escape undesirable sex attitudes and practices? And what will it profit him to gain, even in the most wholesome manner, all the facts of life, unless he also gains the stuff of character in his ideals and conduct to use these facts wholesomely? How, therefore, can we provide good sex education for our children without training and educating them in due regard for the rights and feelings of other persons? In the acres and acres of print on sex education of children, one wonders why this essential factor has been so generally ignored.

Household Hints

Extremes of water temperature causes woollens to shrink. The safe way to launder them is to be sure the water for washing and rinsing is the same temperature—lukewarm.

To entertain a convalescent child who must be kept quiet, get a coloured balloon and tie it to the bed where a current of air will move it slightly. It will hold the child's interest.

If the skin or felt side of your furs is hard and dry, or if the hair sheds, rub an oil soap into the skin until it is flexible. To do this, pin the fur to a board, skin side up, and rub in paste oil soap or thick soapuds into which a little neatsfoot oil has been whipped.



The Peplum Story—Gives New-Season
Look to Last Year's Dress

WHEN you shop the stores it seems that you find peplums on three out of ten of this season's dresses. A sheath dress is ideal as a base for a peplum. Perhaps you have one from last year that is crying for help.



Illustrated are three of the preferred styles. Decide which of these would look best on you and do the most for your dress. Then make it of crepe, taffeta, velvet or even wool.

Triangular Style

Peplum No. 1: Use $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. of 50" rayon taffeta. Straighten fabric; do not fold. A is at 25" or halfway point. B, C and D are each $\frac{1}{4}$ waist plus 2" from A.

Swing an arc from B through D to C. F is $\frac{1}{3}$ waist below E. Chalk a line F to C. G is 3" below C on this line.

Chalk curve G to D for waistline. Make distance G to I same as from D to H. Chalk a curve H to I. Cut curve B to G, G to I, I to H.

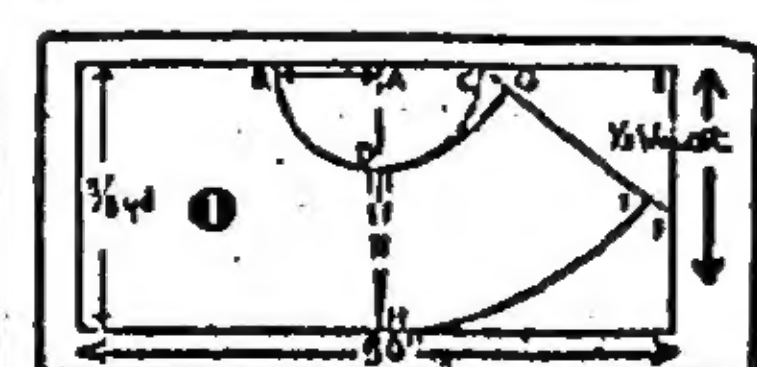
To Make: In fitting, bring B and G together at right hip. Lay dart over left hip as indicated D to H.

Hem or bind all edges except waistline. Stitch ribbon to waistline with ends long enough to tie in bow.

Pleated Peplum

Peplum No. 2: Take 1 yd. of rayon crepe; straighten edge. Cut in two crosswise.

From one piece cut three 2" strips lengthwise of waistband leaving a 38" piece for back. Cut second piece in half lengthwise for two front pieces (each 18" x 21").



Seam the 13" raw edges of front piece to 18" ends of back piece. Press seams open. Turn selvages back $1\frac{1}{2}$ " for front hem.

Fold in half lengthwise, seams matching, as at A. C is 12" down from B. Chalk a slightly curved line to connect with bottom edge. Cut on this line.

To Make: Finish bottom with 1" slip-stitched hem. Mitre corners. Gather top edge.

Cut waistband to waist measurement plus 3" for overlap or use full length and make tie ends.

Adjust fullness on waistband, allowing a 2" or 3" space between front edges. Baste and stitch to position.

Peplum No. 3: This is more of an apron than a peplum. Take 1 yd. of fabric and cut a 3" strip from one crosswise edge for belt and tie ends.

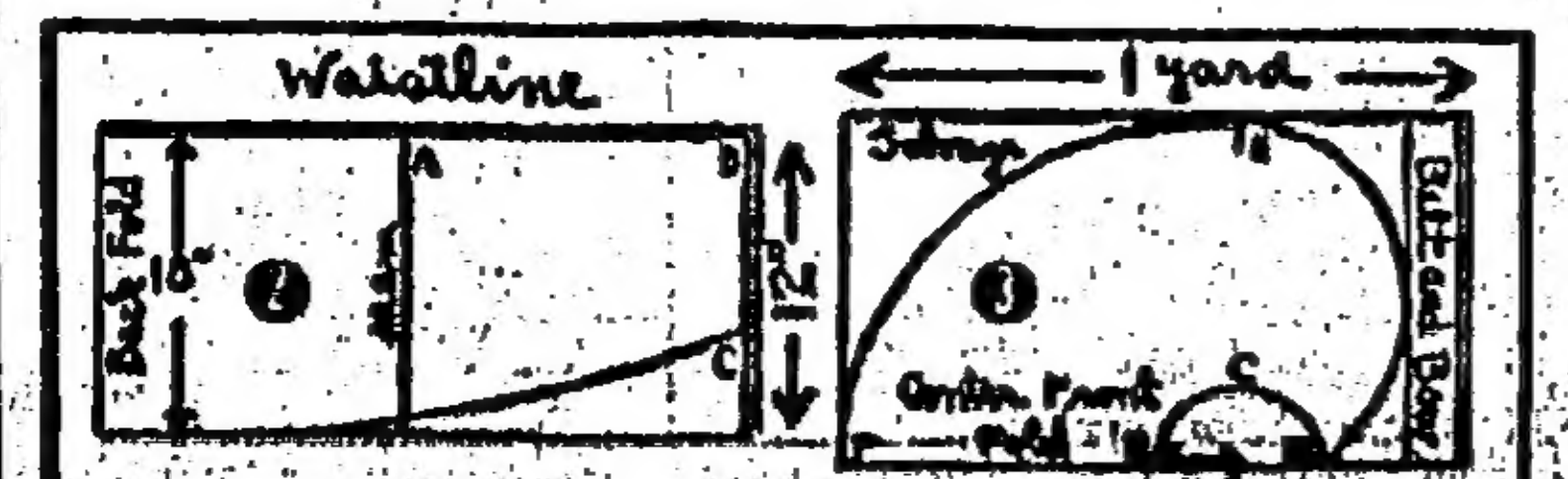
Fold fabric in half lengthwise, selvages together. Measure skirt length. A is $2\frac{2}{3}$ skirt length plus 6" from left corner. B, C and D are each $1\frac{1}{8}$ waist measure from A. Connect these with a curve. E is directly above A on selvage.

Chalk a curved line from F around to E and continue curve to D. Cut on curved lines B-C-D and F-E-D.

To Make: Bind edge with 1" bias cut from corners, or use narrow bias facing.

Pin peplum on. Tie a string around figure and check waistline. Some prefer a 5" to 6" space between back edges.

Remove and stitch belt on. Tie at centre back or make a tailored bow and tack to place, using a hook and eye underneath.



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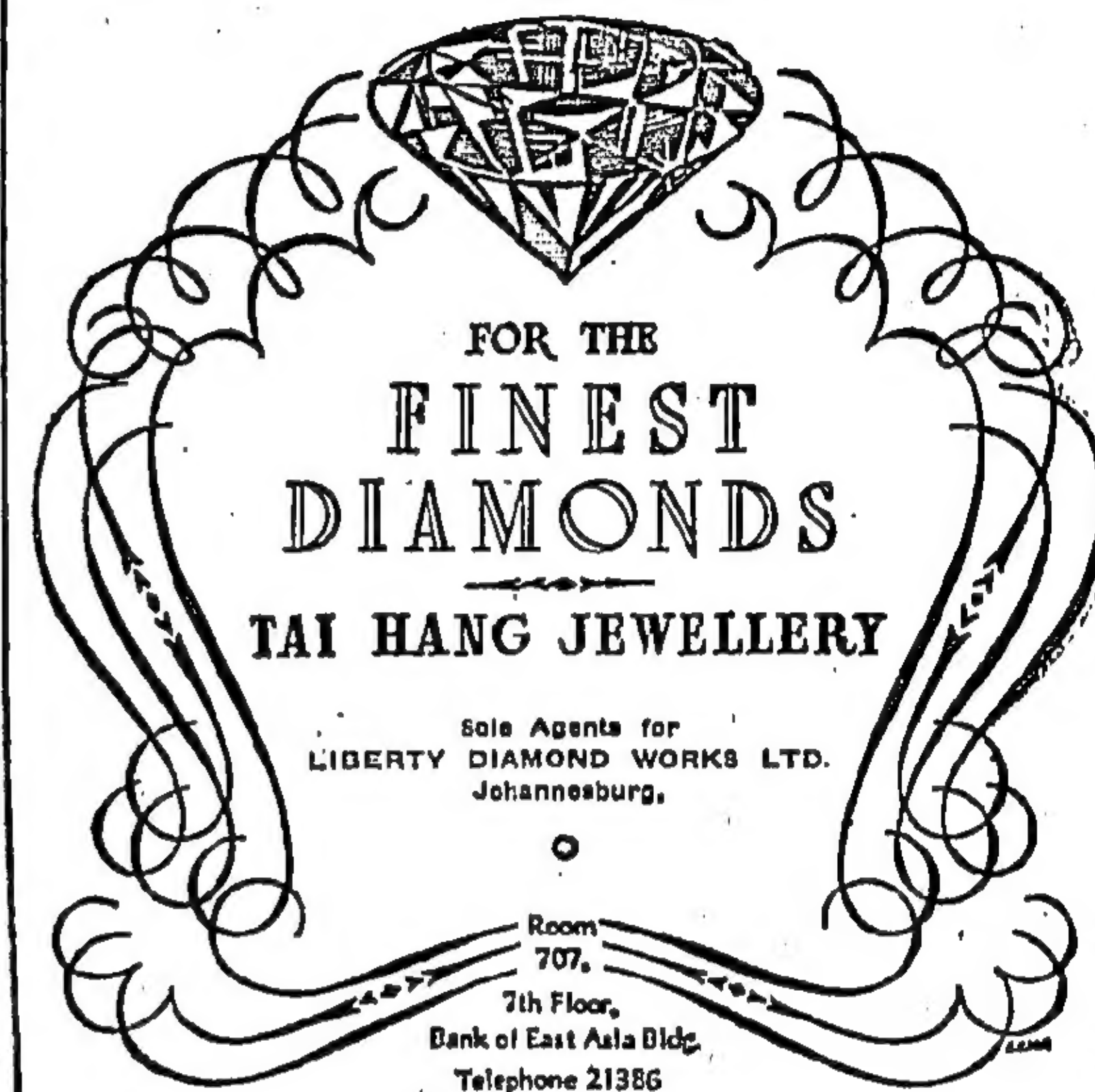
By ALICE ALDEN

SEPARATES are everywhere, so there's a new and fresh appeal about the elegant one-piece dress, especially for late afternoon and evening adornment. Black woven daniak is used for a cocktail dress by famed New York designer Adele Simpson. She calls this one of her "bra children" "jet-propelled," because of the jet and velvet framed neckline. The small hat, the long gloves, the Anne Sargent glitter at the throat make ideal dress-

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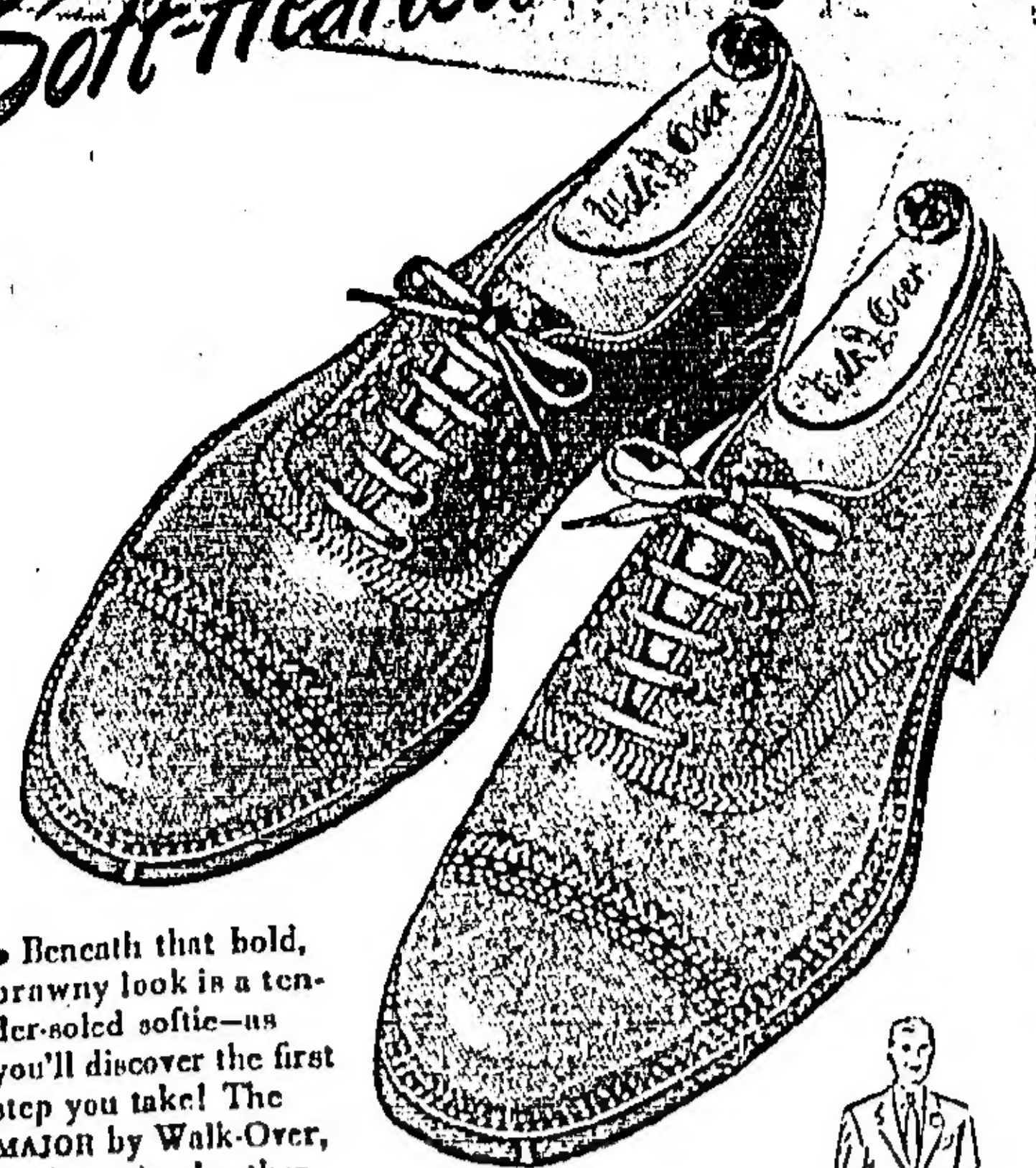


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The Tragedy Of The Kentish Farmer

NO sight can be more painful than to see a man being cross-examined as to his own sanity. The issues are so vital and the consequences may be so terrible that no jury should be called upon to enter into such enquiry; indeed it is more than doubtful if any jury can be competent to do so. The state of a man's mind, the degree of his mental stability, depends so much upon so many factors that it can only be decided, if at all, by persons who have had years of experience and training in such matters.

There is on record in the Assize Courts of a County town the case of a man who was brought for a brutal assault upon the warder of a lunatic asylum. The man himself had been an inmate, and according to his own story he had committed the assault with the sole and definite purpose of being brought before a jury, so that at last he might have an opportunity of establishing beyond any doubt that he was completely sane and that he should never have been incarcerated.

Own defence

He conducted his own defence. For he had cross-examined witnesses for the prosecution and had conducted legal arguments in a manner so reasoned and restrained that he had satisfied every person in the Court that he was as sane as they were; and then quite suddenly a point arose, of no materiality, which seemed to burst into a tirade of abuse, particularly directed against the Royal Family, so violent and absurd that within two minutes the same people were satisfied beyond all question, not only that he was mad, but probably a homicidal maniac. Without that outburst the jury could, quite possibly, have been induced to make a grave mistake.

If no jury should properly be called upon to enter into such enquiry, no advocate should be required to cross-examine a person for the same purpose. I can remember few more un-happy experiences than the day when I had to cross-examine a Kentish farmer whom I shall call Mr. Blank.

He was married and in the year 1912 was fifty years of age. From a medical point of view his family history was unsatisfactory. His mother had died in an asylum, although the actual cause of her insanity was never explained in court. His elder brother was there described as "eccentric, bordering on insanity for years."

Seriously ill

In October 1912 Mr. Blank became seriously unwell, and was so unwell as to consult a person whom he described as a quack doctor, with the result that he received some treatment which proved for him beneficial. He was injected with some substance, the nature of which he did not know, but which caused him to become seriously ill, to such an extent that he became delirious, and remained in that condition for about a month.

Very shortly afterwards, and as he thought in consequence of this treatment, he engaged upon certain activities which were no doubt very largely responsible for his subsequent misfortunes. One of the most peculiar was a visit that he paid to Borsal prison. He hired a motor car for the purpose, in which he was accompanied by a solicitor and a land agent whom he desired to be present as guarantors of his position and reputation, as he wished to ask the Governor's permission for him to preach to those prisoners who were under sentence of death. As there were of course no prisoners at Borsal under such sentence the visit may well have seemed peculiar.

On November 12, 1912, he was summoned to his house the reporter of a local newspaper to whom he dilated a remarkable account of certain visions of which he gave detailed particulars. On the same day he wrote to the local post office a letter

which may well have caused amazement to its recipients, and which subsequently remained annexed to his medical records, "Dear Postal Official (for Officials): Jesus has touched my eyes. If I have done wrong I am willing to make things right. I love you. If you love Jesus and love me, you will come and see me and make me happy.

Yours sincerely, W. S. Blank (a sinful man). Mr. Blank's medical advisers took a very serious view of this document, which they attached to the report they made upon his mental condition.

Delusions

In addition the report stated that Mr. Blank was suffering from delusions, one of which was that his wife had been unfaithful to him. It is right to state that no evidence whatever was given in any way supporting the truth of this suggestion, but at the same time it might well have been argued on Mr. Blank's behalf that many a married man might possibly be under a similar misapprehension in regard to his own wife without necessarily being regarded as a fit subject for detention in an asylum.

However, this combination of circumstances satisfied Mr. Blank's family that his mental condition had become affected, and they accordingly consulted two medical men who certified him as insane, and he was removed to a private asylum presided over by a medical superintendent named Doctor X. Mr. Blank only remained at this asylum for about a month. At the end of this period the medical superintendent formed the opinion that Mr. Blank was sufficiently recovered to be able to return home to his family. Mr. Blank was thereupon seen by two visiting Justices, who issued an order that he should be released on leave for 28 days.

High dudgeon

Mr. Blank's brother was requested to attend the asylum for the purpose of escorting the patient to his house. Mr. Blank evinced great displeasure at being accompanied by his brother, who, he considered, was the cause of his original certification, and indeed stated that he would prefer to be escorted by the police; but this was thought to be unreasonable, and so Mr. Blank left the asylum in his brother's company and in high dudgeon.

On the next day Mr. Blank saw many different people. Two of them, doctors, thought that he was not in his right mind. Many others, some of them business men, took a directly contrary view and considered he was perfectly normal. On the second day of his freedom Mr. Blank came to London. After paying certain business calls, one of which was on his bank, during which he appeared to be quite normal, he called at the office of a Commissioner in Lunacy. There was some dispute as to what actually occurred. Mr. Blank presumably desired to raise questions as to the propriety of much that had happened to him, but on his first arrival the Commissioner himself was not present in the office. Mr. Blank was seen by an Assistant who stated that he could not make head nor tail of what he wanted, though Mr. Blank talked incessantly.

Not fit

When the Commissioner appeared upon the scene he interviewed Mr. Blank personally and came to the conclusion that he was not in a fit condition to remain at large. A telephone message was sent to Dr. X, requesting that a car be sent to convey the patient to the asylum, and Mr. Blank was detained in the Commissioner's Office until the car with two male attendants arrived. This actual detention during that very short period was the only possible act the responsibility for which could be held to rest upon the Commissioner personally.

From that day in 1912 Mr. Blank remained as a mental patient in various asylums until October 1921. He was periodically visited by Visitors in Lunacy and examined by many doctors all of whom were of

the opinion that his further detention was justified. During the latter part of that nine-year period his condition became improved, however, and permission was given to him to call upon persons who lived in the neighbourhood, all of whom formed the opinion that his mental state was normal.

In October 1921 Mr. Blank escaped from the asylum, and remained at liberty for 14 days after which interval he could not, according to the Lunacy Laws, be retained under the original reception order. If it was desired further to detain him as a lunatic it would be necessary to have him re-certified. This was never done; indeed Mr. Blank voluntarily submitted himself to further medical examination, at which he was pronounced to be sane and consequently no longer liable to restraint.

Damages claim

Thereupon Mr. Blank determined to institute proceedings and to claim damages for the wrongful detention he had suffered and the many years of mental anguish he must have undergone. He did not bring his action against the doctors, as who originally certified him, as they would be protected by the Lunacy Laws, but he named as Defendants (i) The Commissioner who detained him at his office in London, and (ii) Dr. X who took him back to his Mental Home.

The action was tried before Mr. Justice Lush and a Special Jury and from the outset attracted enormous public interest.

Called into the witness box, Mr. Blank's demeanour was beyond reproach. He told his dreadful story of long incarceration calmly and with extreme moderation, without the slightest appearance of rancour or indignation. No one who had not heard that story could ever have imagined his sanity had once been in question. He offered himself unhesitatingly for cross-examination.

Many witnesses

How could anyone possibly cross-examine such a man? By this time he had been pronounced by experts to be completely sane. To such curious incidents as had occurred nine years before there was the clearest answer. To a man who has suffered from the treatment of a quack doctor anything may have happened. Even the curious letter to the postal officials could be explained in the case of a man with extreme religious views who had suffered from temporary delusions. Upon one incident he was unshaken. On the day he visited the office of the Commissioner in Lunacy he was completely normal; he was able to call witnesses to prove it; and anyone who alleged the contrary was wrong.

Many witnesses were called by the defence; doctors and mental experts who had visited the asylums at which Mr. Blank had been confined. All of them expressed the opinion that the detention had been justified, but their position in the witness box was very difficult. It was admitted that Mr. Blank had never been violent, and their evidence as to his mental condition was of necessity composed of generalities. The one definite point of apparent substance lay in the alleged delusions, which had from time to time been certified as continuing, but that point so far from assisting the defence was turned to ridicule by the briefest cross-examination.

Responsibility

"One of the delusions from which Mr. Blank was stated to be suffering was that his wife had been unfaithful to him?" "Yes." "And you stated in your report that the delusion was still continuing?" "Yes." "And continued during all these years?" "Yes." "Did you happen to find out whether or not his wife had in fact been unfaithful to him?" The witness had no idea. How could a man properly be

found to be suffering from delusions upon evidence such as that? The responsibility for releasing the inmate of an asylum is very great, and the difficulty in forming a definite opinion upon his condition may be still greater, but I confess that I was much disturbed by some points of the evidence as to the different examination made of Mr. Blank during his detention.

Only injury

Unfortunately the sympathetic considerations which arose in the case of Mr. Blank tended to swamp the legal issues which were really fundamental to his claim for damages.

With regard to Dr. X, that gentleman had been appointed under the Lunacy Acts, which defined his duties and responsibilities. Provided he acted in good faith and honestly believed that Mr. Blank was a fit person to be detained under his care and further took reasonable precautions in his investigations, then he personally could be under no liability for that detention; and Dr. X contended that there was not and could not be the slightest evidence that he acted otherwise than in the honest belief that Mr. Blank's mind was deranged and that he took all reasonable precautions in his investigations.

With regard to the Commissioner in Lunacy, he contended that even if he was wrong in his belief that Mr. Blank was insane on that December day in 1912, the only injury that he had caused to Mr. Blank was to detain him in his office for two hours until the car from the asylum arrived, and that any damages the jury awarded should be limited to that short period of time.

The appeal

By the time the case drew to its conclusion popular feeling was running so strongly in Mr. Blank's favour that even the learned Judge was temporarily deflected from a true interpretation of the necessary legal implications. He ruled that the jury were entitled, if they thought fit, to regard all the many years of incarceration as being damages upon that basis. He also held that there was evidence upon which the jury might find that Dr. X did not in fact take reasonable precautions to satisfy himself that Mr. Blank was insane.

With that interpretation of the law before them the jury had no hesitation as to the verdict they should return. They found against both Defendants and awarded to Mr. Blank by way of damages the sum of £24,000. It was a most unfortunate result. There was an immediate appeal to the Court of Appeal who took a different view of the law from that expressed by Mr. Justice Lush. They held that there was no evidence of lack of reasonable care having been taken, and further that any damages which would be properly payable by the Commissioner must be limited to such amount as would be attributable solely to the short detention in his office. Accordingly the action against Doctor X was dismissed entirely, and a new trial was directed as against the Lunacy Commissioner.

In the river

Poor Mr. Blank. That was not the end of his misfortunes. The next I saw of him, was when he was sitting—a lone figure—outside the room I occupied as Attorney General, in the House of Commons. Night after night he sat there alone, and I was compelled to pass him as I went to and fro from my room. What he was doing there I never knew. He never moved and never spoke but his continued presence was more than I could endure. I sent my policeman to tell him that I found his presence to be embarrassing and to ask him not to sit there any more. He received my message very apologetically and courteously. I never saw him again. Within a comparatively short time he was dead. His body was recovered from the River Thames. He was drowned.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

ONE of the drivers on Paris bus route No. 171—Porte de Versailles to Pont de Sevres—is a burly cheerful man called Pierre Bernadotte.

These last few days he has proudly carried with him a letter he received under the royal seal of Sweden. It is a reply to his own note of good wishes to the new King Gustav VI.

For Pierre, the bus driver, and Gustav, the king, are cousins; both descend from the Bernadotte who was Marshal of Napoleon's Grand Army.

Other Truman

Often, as he walks to his office in Grandview, U.S., the District Director for Western Missouri hears people saying: "You know for a second I thought that was...". Whereupon he breaks in with "Mr. Truman. Well, it is."

For the director is Vivian Truman, and there is a strong resemblance between them.

Vivian has no interest in politics, rarely goes to Washington. Says he: "I've no damned reason to."

Queen trumped

WITH A view to economising on the 100 dollars (\$35 14s.) a day they have been paying for hotel suites, Egypt's Queen Nafila, her daughter Princess Fathia, and son-in-law Rihad Gali, have been searching San Francisco for a flat.

Now they have found one—three bedrooms, three bathrooms, fifty dollars a week—in a fabulous penthouse overlooking the bay. They called in furniture-movers, painters, and decorators. But it doesn't look as if they will be able to move in.

Doormen at the penthouse do not belong to the local union. So the union ordered a picket line to march in front of it; and Queen Nafila's removal men have refused to cross the line. Desperately, Mr. Gali invited the pickets to his housewarming—if they would only let them get in. Union head Russell Dreyer refused.

To Queen Nafila, however, Dreyer has made an offer. "You will be able to move in."

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had jurisdiction in the recent dispute in your own family" (when her son, King Farouk, tried to prevent Fathia's marriage to Gali). "Well, then, arbitrate our picket issue, and we will let you in."

The queen said "No".

Words of Lunn

I HEAR from Lady Mabel Lunn that her husband Arnold Lunn, is in America on the last lap of his round-the-world lecture tour. He will fly direct to Murren in time for Christmas.

Lunn, the man from a green country who made adding a great international sport, is qualified to talk on many other subjects as well. And it seems plenty of people wish to listen to him.

In Australia he was called on to speak two or three times a day.

And just recently he went to a Trappist monastery at Gethsemani, Kentucky, where the monks were temporarily released from their vows of silence in order to talk with him.

New role

THIS is a story about a disappointed horse—the white Arab charger which was groomed for the role of carrying a triumphant Mussolini in Alexandria.

Thanks to the Eighth Army the Duke never got his ride. But, thanks to the film industry, the horse has at last won a place in history.

It is starting, in front of a chariot, in the monumental film "Quo Vadis," now nearly finished after many months' work in Rome.

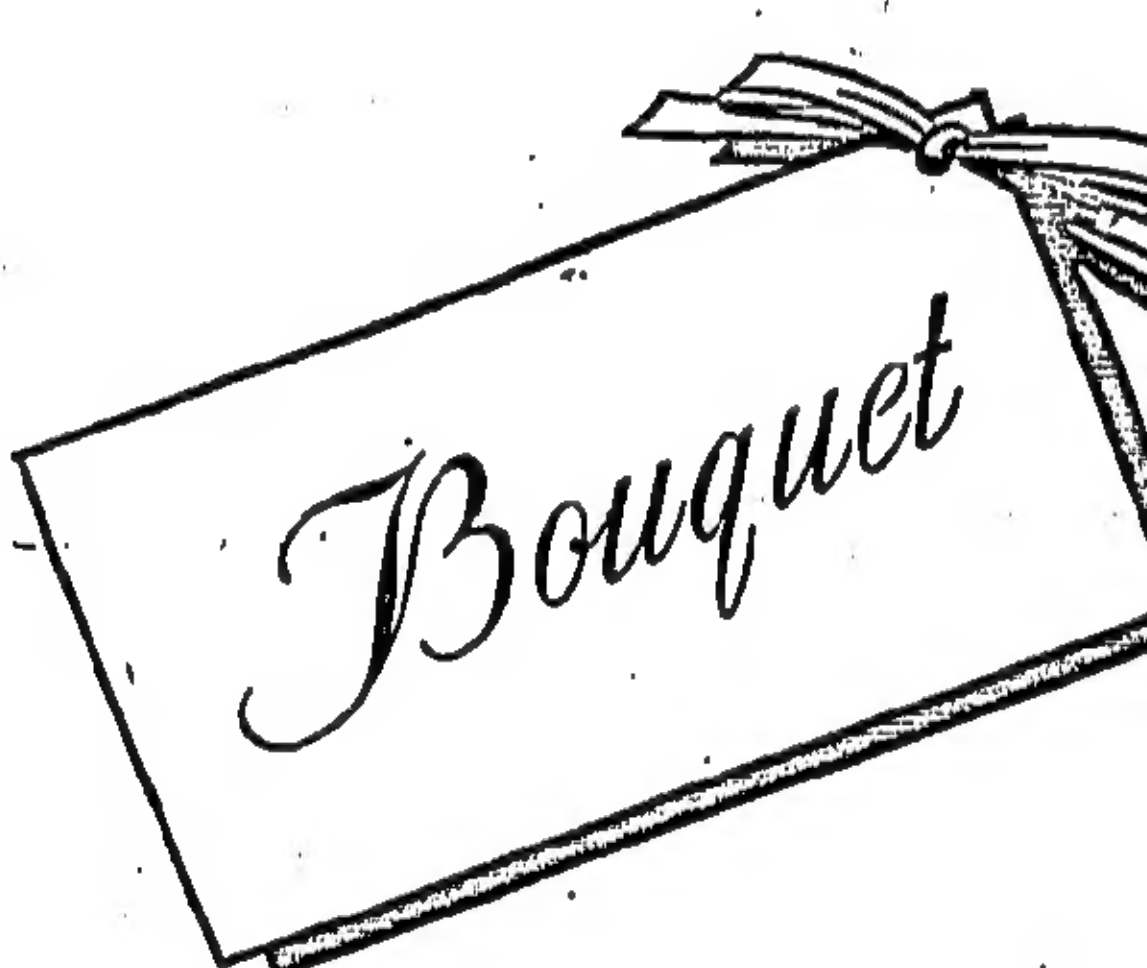
Monty is 64

FIELD-MARSHAL LORD MONTGOMERY has entered his 64th year. By the end of it he may have laid down all active command.

For it, as seems likely, Supreme Headquarters of the Western Powers is set up at Versailles, Montgomery's five nations H. Q. at Fontainebleau will disband. GENERAL EISENHOWER will command the new formation.

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THE MURDER OF POLISH PRISONERS AT KATYN

By Winston Churchill

After repeated grumbles at the slow progress of the Tunisian campaign, and the consequent postponement of any Allied landing in Europe, Stalin appeared at the end of March 1943, in a more agreeable mood.

Thinking Mr Churchill for the film "Desert Victory," he wrote: "The film depicts magnificently how Britain is fighting, and it makes those who are in our country who are asserting that Britain is not fighting at all, but is merely an onlooker."

Mr Churchill had now to explain that German concentrations at Narvik and shipping demands for the Sicily operation combined to make it impossible to resume the Arctic convoys to Russia before September.

MY full explanation and accounts were not wholly unrewarded. The answer from Stalin, on April 12, was more friendly than usual.

"The speedy development of the Anglo-American advance in Tunis constitutes an important success in the war against Hitler and Mussolini. I wish you to kill the enemy and capture as many prisoners and trophies as possible.

"We are delighted that you are not giving respite to Hitler. To your strong and successful bombing of the big German cities we add now our air raids on the German industrial centres of East Prussia. Many thanks for the film depicting the results of the bombing of Essen. This film, as well as all the other films which you promise to send, will be widely shown to our Army and population.

"The contemplated deliveries of fighters from the cancelled convoys are of great value to us. I am also very grateful for your offer to send us 60 Hurricanes armed with 40 mm. cannon.

"Our people highly appreciate the warm feelings and sympathy of the British people which have found expression in the creation of the Aid to Russia Fund mentioned by you. Please convey to your wife, who is at the head of the Fund, my thanks for her untiring activities in this sphere."

A breach

A breach now occurred between the Soviet Government and the Polish Government in exile in London. After the overrunning of Poland, by the German and Russian armies, following the Ribbentrop-Molotov agreement of September, 1939, many thousands of Poles had given themselves up to the Russians, with whom Poland was not at war, and were interned. By further Nazi-Soviet agreements many of these were handed over to the Germans for forced labour purposes.

As prisoners of officer status cannot, under the Geneva Convention, be so treated, 4,500 Poles of whom 8,000 were officers of the Polish Army, who were interned in three camps in the Smolensk regions. These included a considerable proportion of Polish intelligentsia, including university professors, engineers and leading citizens who had been mobilised as Polish reservists.

Until the spring of 1940 there had been intermittent news of the existence of these prisoners. From April 1940, silence descended upon the three camps. Not a single sign or trace of their occupants ever appeared for 13 or 14 months. They were certainly in Soviet power, but no letter, message, escapee, or scrap of information ever came from them.

Became allies

When Hitler surprised the Russians by his invasion on June 20, 1941, the relations between Russia and Poland changed overnight. They became allies. Gen. Anders and other Polish generals, who had hitherto been confined under rigorous conditions, including beatings, in Russian prisons, were now washed, clothed, released, welcomed, and given high commands in the Polish forces, which the Soviets were

now rushing to fight the German invaders.

The Poles, who had long been anxious about the fate of the large group of officers in the three internment camps, asked for their release in order to join the new Polish Army, to which they would have been invaluable. About 400 officers were collected from other parts of Russia, but not one from the three camps now in German hands could ever be found. No explanation could be offered to repeated Polish inquiries by their new comrades-in-arms.

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The evidence

The war rolled on. The Germans held the territory in which the camp had stood. Nearly another year passed. Early in April 1943, Gen. Sikorski (the Polish leader) came to luncheon at No 10. He told me that he had proofs that the Soviet Government had murdered the 15,000 Polish officers and other prisoners in their hands, and that they had been buried in vast graves in the forests mainly around Katyn. He had a wealth of evidence.

I said, "If they are dead, nothing you can do will bring them back." He said he could not hold his people, and that they had already released all their news to the Press.

Without informing the British Government of its intention, the Polish Cabinet in London issued a communiqué on April 17 stating that an approach had been made to the International Red Cross in Switzerland to send a delegation to Katyn to conduct an inquiry on the spot. On April 20 the Polish Ambassador in Russia was instructed by his Government to ask for the comments of the Russians upon the Germans story.

German report

On April 13 the German wirelessly publicly charged the Soviet Government with the murder of the 15,000 Poles in the three camps, and proposed to hold an international inquiry on the spot into their fate. We cannot wonder that the Polish Government was attracted by this plan, but the International Red Cross announced from Geneva that they could not undertake any inquiry into the German allegations unless a corresponding invitation to do so was received from the Soviet Government.

The Germans, therefore, conducted their own investigations and a committee of experts, drawn from the countries under German influence, produced a detailed report claiming that upwards of 10,000 bodies had been found in mass graves, and that the evidence of documents found on them and the age of the trees planted over the graves showed that the executions dated back to the spring of 1940, when the area was under Soviet control.

No record

Eventually in September 1943, the region of Katyn was occupied by the Russians. After the recapture of Smolensk a committee composed exclusively of Russians was appointed to inquire into the fate of the Poles of Katyn. Their report, issued in January, 1944, claims that the three camps were not evacuated in time, owing to the rapidity of the German advance, and that the Polish prisoners fell into German hands and were later slaughtered, by them.

This version implies that nearly 15,000 Polish officers and men, of whom there was no record since the spring of 1940, passed into German hands in July 1941, and were later destroyed by the Germans without a single person escaping and reporting, either to the Russian authorities or to a Polish Consul in Russia or to the Underground Movement in Poland.

When we consider the possibilities for escape which the confusion caused by the German advance and the eventual with-

drawal of the Russian guards from the camps would have offered, and when we remember all the contacts afterwards during the period of Russo-Polish co-operation, belief in this theory seems an act of faith.

I made one of my rare visits to Chartwell to spend the night at my cottage. The telephone announced that the Soviet Ambassador must see me at once and was on his way. Malsky arrived in unusual perturbation. He brought me a message from Stalin that after the hideous charges which the Polish Government in London had published and sponsored against Russia of the wholesale murder of the Polish officer prisoners, the agreement of 1941 would be immediately denounced.

I said I thought the Poles had been unwise to make or lend themselves to such accounts, but that I earnestly hoped a blunder of this kind would not entail a breach in their relations with the Soviets. I drafted a telegram to Stalin in this sense.

M. Malsky proceeded to argue the falsity of the accusation, and gave various reasons to prove the physical impossibility of the

crime having been committed by Russia. I had heard a lot about it from various sources, but I did not attempt to discuss the facts. "We have got to beat Hitler," I said, "and this is no time for quarrels and charges."

But nothing I could say or do prevented the rupture between the Russian and Polish Governments. Many inconveniences resulted from this. Anyhow, we had got a lot of the Polish fighting men and many of their women and children out of Russia. This beneficial process still went on fitfully and I continued the formation and equipment in Persia of three Polish divisions under Gen. Anders.

At Nuremberg

In the trials of Germans at Nuremberg for war crimes the murder of the Poles at Katyn was mentioned in the indictment of Goering and others, who laid the White Book of the German investigation before the court. It was decided by the victorious Governments concerned that the issue should be

avoided, and the crime of Katyn was never probed in detail.

The Soviet Government did not take the opportunity of clearing themselves of the horrible and widely believed accusation against them and of fastening the guilt conclusively upon the German Government, some of whose principal figures were in the dock on trial for their lives in the final judgment of the International Tribunal at Nuremberg. Katyn is not mentioned in the section dealing with the treatment of prisoners of war by Nazi Germany.

Everyone is therefore entitled to form his own opinion, and there is certainly no lack of material in the many books that have been published by the Polish leaders still in exile from their country, and in particular those written by Mr Mikolajczyk, the former Polish Prime Minister, who joined the first Polish Government after the war, and by General Anders.

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MORE TOMORROW



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Sitting on the Fence....by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

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Dear Gas Board may your days be long

"How much is it for?" a harder, more practical note could be heard in the voices

Your Christmas gay and Merry

"It's a present from The Gas Board."

With port type bottles at your board

Your Uncle Nat's voice, thick with toast and emotion, rang through the room like a muffled gong in a fog.

And Olde Worlde English sherry.

The cheque was passed from hand to hand. Although it promised to pay £2 4s. 8d. for coats were discussed on the spot. A weekend in Paris was planned to the last detail.

May Mrs Gas and Uncle Gas And all the little Gases

Your Uncle was so overcome with amazement that he neglected his Webb sausage all it grew cold. This sort of thing had never happened to him before, except when Mr Bloodsucker, the income-tax inspector, sent him a cheque for repayment of overcharges

Enjoy their dms hooked out of this

With another letter on Christmas morning saying it was all a mistake.

And puds made for the masses.

Are you fit?

DR GUBBINS answers below some questions asked by some of his unhealthy readers wondering if they are fit to face the winter.

At one time I kept myself healthy with a simple morning exercise. I used to bend forward with knees stiff, look between my legs at my wife in bed, and shout, "Top of the morning" twenty or thirty times. If I do it now I get pains in the head and back and feet dizzy. What do you advise?

As a fat man aged 50, do you think I should be able to run up two flights of stairs without blowing like a whale?

See a psychiatrist at once. Or, better still, try your exercise on the roof-edge of a high building with a gale blowing. One day your wife will thank me for this advice.

If you can't do this without blowing like a whale, walk up. If you still find it difficult to breathe or move freely in and out of a bungalow don't send for a doctor. Send for a carpenter.

Mr. Chairman...

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Divorce no crime, says judge

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.

SHOULD judges stop punishing the guilty party in a divorce? Does such punishment help to break up homes?

Yes, said Judge Paul Alexander tonight. And he has been Divorce Court judge in Toledo, Ohio, for 14 years.

He believes that the present marriage and divorce laws contribute to family instability.

"Take divorce out of the present, nearly criminal court," he said. "Let the judge decide what is the real trouble. Let him find out what can be done to help."

"He should not be heavy-handed, ponderous, judgmental, but sympathetic, understanding, and therapeutic."

Judge Alexander admits that some judges may flinch from becoming doctors of heartache instead of judges of heart-break.

He urged a go-slow on divorces for couples married less than three years.

GROVER John Blair took orders from farmers snowbound outside Washington, Ohio. Then he shovelled the snow from his small runway, took off in his light plane and delivered the goods by air-drop.

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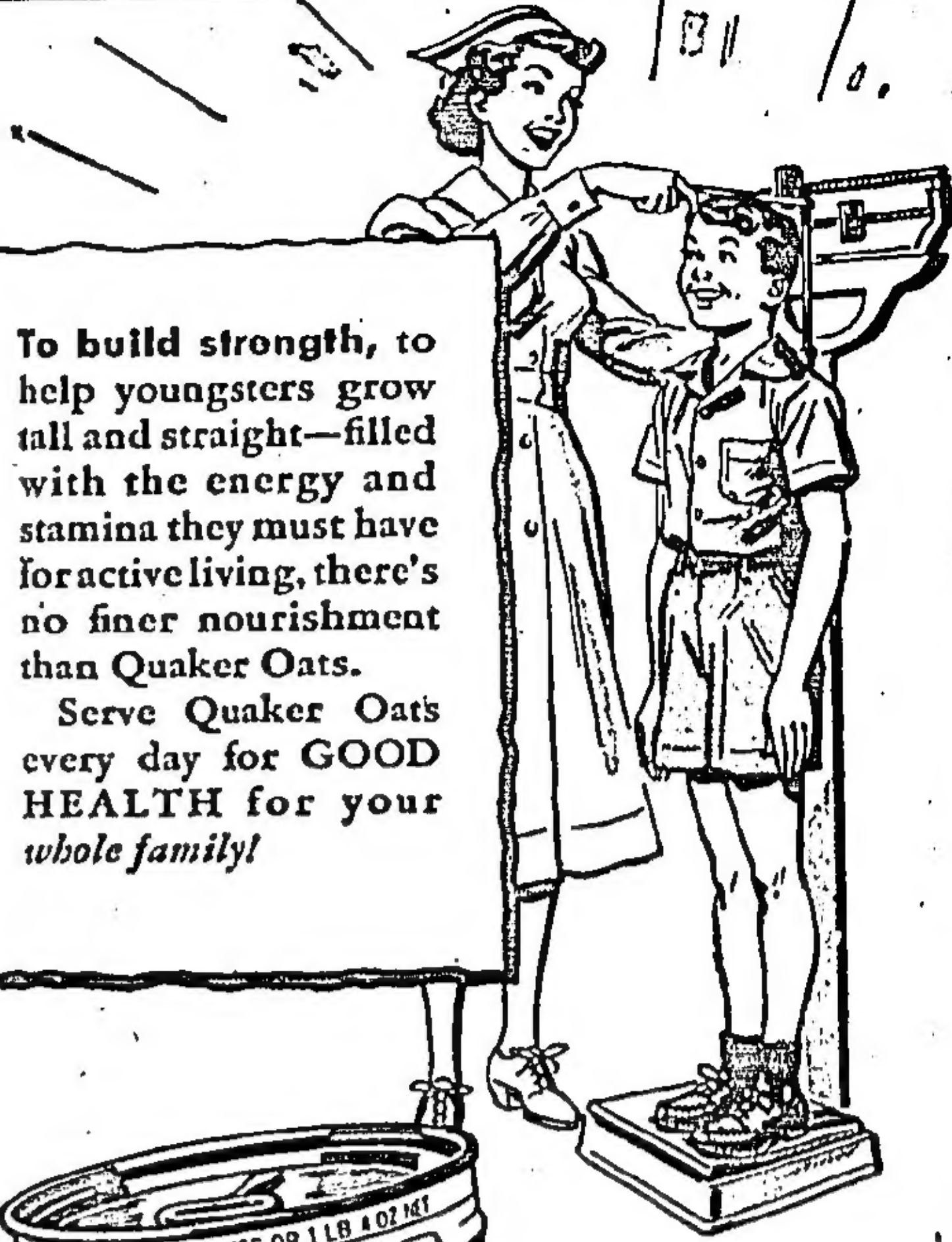
DOWNHEARTED? Do the war headlines look bad? A new volume of Franklin Roosevelt's personal letters has appeared on the bookshelves. One sentence: "What a privilege it is to be alive in this particular day and age!" F.D.R. wrote it in 1942, the darkest year of the last war.

SECRET AGENTS have discovered that Communists are smuggling instructions on sabotage into America in sardine tins. The instructions are further disguised by being concealed between the covers of a pamphlet entitled "Official Football Rules." And the agents are mystified by the fact that they are printed in Spanish.

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Dated the 4th day of December, 1950.

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at 5.30 p.m.

All interested in Child Welfare are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE

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SUPERIOR TEAMWORK GAVE THE DARK BLUES VICTORY IN THE VARSITIES' RUGGER MATCH

Oxford have now won four of the six University matches since 1945, when the war-time series came to an end. This year's victory over Cambridge by a goal and a penalty goal (8 points) to nothing was the third in succession and, like its immediate predecessors, evidence of superior teamwork and the avoidance of serious mistakes rather than any overwhelming advantage on the run of the play. There were 52,000 spectators, which was a few thousands less than last year's record attendance.

One cannot imagine many people disputing that Oxford were the cleverer and better-balanced side, nor that they contributed most of the good Rugby to a game, which, on a turf speckled with snow and terribly treacherous under foot, easily might have degenerated into a mere desperate struggle, however exciting it was bound to be as a spectacle.

The fact remained that Cambridge had to blunder twice badly for there to be any score at all. Admittedly, the Oxford attack, which clearly was at its strongest and most adroit in mid-field, was handicapped by an early injury to Hoffmeyer, playing on this occasion at stand-off-half—his position before he became a full-back good enough to catch the eyes of the England selectors. Soon after landing a penalty goal in the opening minutes, he sustained a painful injury to the groin and had to leave the field for treatment.

He soon returned, but Lewis, the full-back, had to be used as a stand-off player for a while, and it was fairly clear that Hoffmeyer had to nurse himself to some extent for the rest of the match. That he always was the cool and skilful pivot, as well as a valuable defender, spoke well for his courage and knowledge of the game.

A LOST CHANCE

The wintry conditions almost immediately impressed themselves upon the play and, as in 1949, and in the self-same corner, a Cambridge fieldsman made a fatal mistake—fatal, that is, by reason of the situation it produced. Hoffmeyer had tested a Cambridge full-back with a long rolling punt ahead from left to right. From the mid-field Botting picked up and, with a quick pass, sent Cannell dashing for the goal-line, which was only a few yards ahead. Cannell both stepped into touch and knocked down the corner-flag in diving over, and Cambridge were saved for a few more moments. But a penalty decision for off-side quickly followed and Hoffmeyer just got the ball over the crossbar from the "25" line at a wide angle.

A fierce footrush by the Cambridge forwards then raised the echoes, but neither they nor the individualistic backs in mid-field were more than spasmodically dangerous. The Cambridge pack, nearly all new Blues, on the whole put up the effort expected of them, without, however, ever gaining the ascendancy so vital to their side's chance, for the inferiority at centre was crushing in its general effect. Archer and N. E. Williams in the back row showed up from time to time, and one breakaway by the former might well have brought a try but for a dropped pass, but in the second half, especially, not only the Oxford back-row of highly experienced players, but men like Emms, from the front row, and Bullard, from the second, became progressively a menace to the Cambridge goal-line. Cambridge got a fair share of the ball in the first half, but far from it in the second. It was largely the gallantry and dash of Shepherd at the heels of the pack that kept Cambridge an effective fighting force in a losing battle.

Green, of Oxford, however, also improved in the second period. Early in the first half, Cambridge developed one passing movement which really did promise well. Glyn Davies started it and, although Glyn was halted on the left wing, the attack regathered rhythm and momentum and spread rightwards, where it petered out before Smith could enter into things. Thenceforward, except once in the second half when Davies fed him with a nicely placed punt ahead—Smith picked up on the run but stepped into touch, a last straw to sinking Cambridge hopes—Smith was a completely wasted force. Lack of speed at centre, and lack of combination generally marked all the Cambridge efforts behind the scrum-mage. Once or twice there were glimpses of Davies's link and Reeve's commendable dash in going through an opening, but no more. Compared with Boobyer and Cannell, and even with the injured Oxford pivot, the Cambridge back-play was easily held.

ELUSIVE SWERVE

It was Boobyer's elusive swerve from the hips, shading off a feeble tackle which actually laid hold of him for a moment, that produced the only try shortly before the interval. Boobyer, who has another characteristic quality, that of quickly getting into a stride again when halted, kept dodging his way through an apparently crowded defence and found Emms up for the scoring pass not far from the goal-line. Hoffmeyer made the try into a goal and, as it proved, was all the scoring in the match. Although one never felt quite sure where to look for Hoffmeyer, he was, in fact, an important factor in preventing Cambridge ever from settling down to a sustained attack in the second period. Repeatedly one spotted him covering his full-back. For the greater part of 25 minutes, Oxford had the better of their opponents' force and aft. only an occasional breakthrough by Davies, N. E. Williams, and Shepherd—and that one fleeting chance, half-offered to Smith—kept the game alive for Cambridge. On the wings, neither Botting nor Winn troubled the Cambridge defence very greatly, but Cannell and Boobyer took a lot of

watching, just as Kendall-Carpenter, Rittson-Thomas, Emms, and Small took a lot of stopping in the loose. Cambridge never gave up trying, but one always felt that unless Smith did something stupendous entirely on his own, they would never pull the game out of the fire. Actually, Smith spent most of his time trying to keep as warm as a man can standing, none too well clothed, in the wide open spaces of Twickenham, on a bitterly cold afternoon.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:—
OXFORD.—D. J. Lewis (Cape Town University, S. A. and Exeter); *H. J. Botting (Christ Church, N. Z., and Worcester); *L. B. Cannell (Northampton G.S. and Lincoln); *B. Boobyer (Uppingham and Brasenose); and C. E. Winn (K. C. S. Wimbledon and Exeter); *M. E. Hoffmeyer (Rhodes University College, S. A., and Worcester); *R. Green (Donstone and Koble); *H. D. Small (Dundee, S. A. and St. John's); *H. McG. Kendall-Carpenter (Truro and Exeter) (captain); *G. C. Rittson-Thomas (Sherborne and Trinity); G. L. Bullard (Blundells and Balliol); M. Walker (Bryanston and University College); C. J. M. Griffith (St. Andrews, S. A., and Trinity); *W. J. Heier (Orange Free State University College, S. A. and Trinity); and *D. M. Emms (Tonbridge and Brasenose).

CAMBRIDGE.—M. J. M. Thompson (St. Bees and Downing); *H. V. Smith (Marling and St. Catharine's); E. W. Marsden (Sedburgh and St. John's); J. B. Reeve (Newcastle G. S. and Emmanuel); and *I. S. Glyn (Oundle and Trinity); *G. Davies (Pontypridd and St. Catharine's) (captain); J. K. Shepherd (Wygerton and Pembroke); G. M. D. Archer (Stonyhurst and Pembroke); *B. Marshall (Bedford and Pembroke); N. E. Williams (Tiffin and Fitzwilliam House); C. Barrow (Uppingham and Clare); R. H. King (Merchant Taylors and Pembroke); C. C. U. Williams (Wyliffe and Downing); H. D. Doherty (Rugby and Pembroke); and *H. Willis (Heaton Moor and Downing).
Referee.—T. Jones (Bridgend).
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Athletes

London, Dec. 12.

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This Committee has a project to assist active athletes during winter months and for the purpose of their scheme the gymnasium and shooting range of Chelsea Barracks are to be changed into an indoor training centre.

All possible facilities for training will be included and the throwing net from the Amateur Association's summer school at Loughborough is to be erected for shot-putters and discus throwers.

It is also hoped that a jumping pit will be dug in the shooting range for both high and long jumpers. There will be fixed blocks for starting hurdles, climbing ropes and for vaulting a pole and box.

The British Amateur Weightlifters Association are also in the scheme, and they will provide a weight-lifting expert who will supervise the schedules for athletes drawn up by the two Associations.

While a joint administration will be undertaken, any coach will be free to follow his own methods of coaching with his own athletes. The centre opens early in the new year and will operate two nights each week with three hours nightly until end of March, so that athletes who take advantage of the full programme will have 26 nights' training during the winter months.—Reuters.

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Through Tickets (8 Races—\$16.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the 1st race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season-Tickets and gentlemen non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

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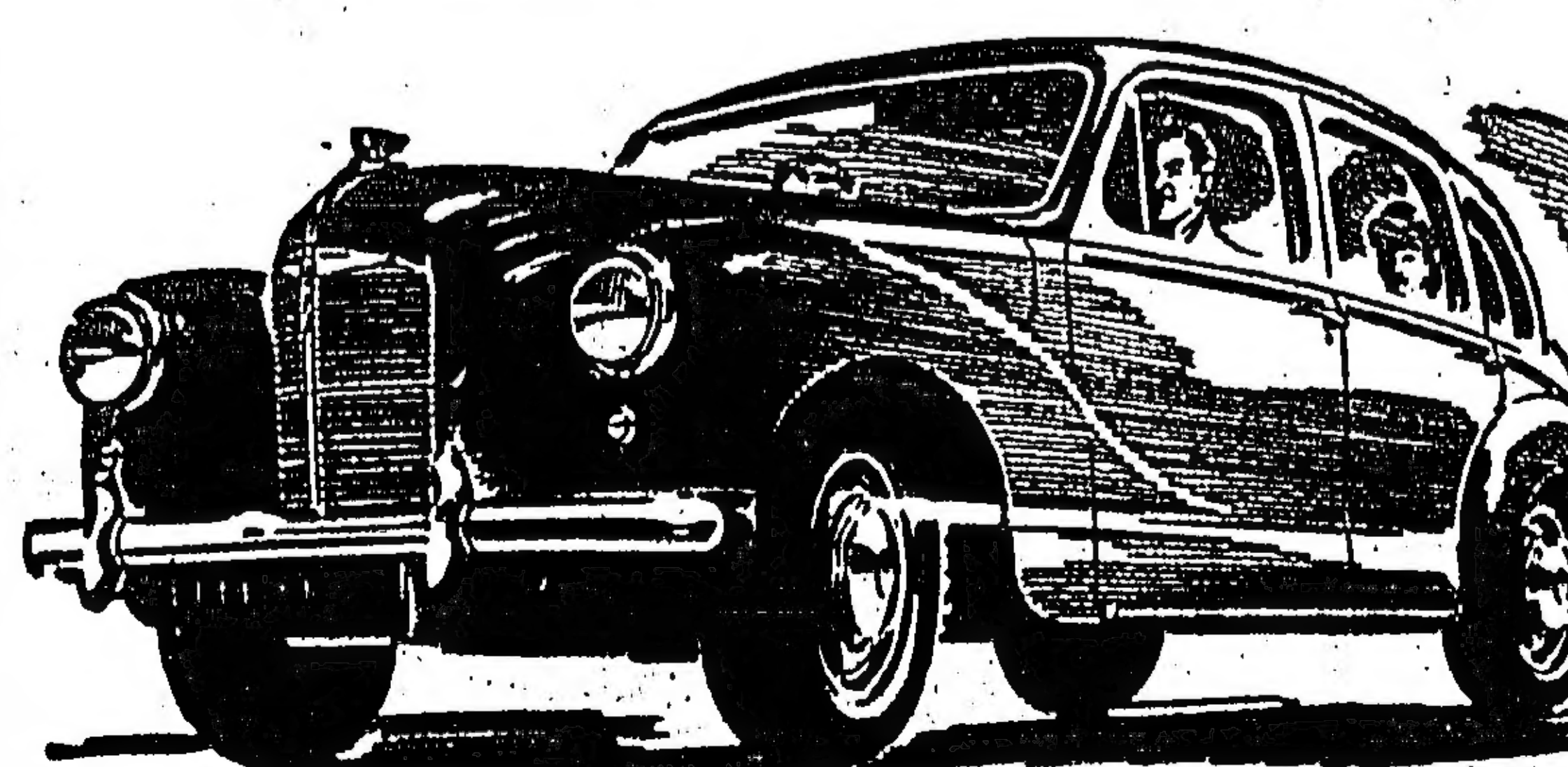
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By PETER WILSON

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For if a proposal considered by the French Boxing Association should be carried at the next meeting of the European Boxing Union—governing body of the "noble art" in Europe—no fights will be put on by private promoters.

Instead, the governing bodies in the various countries would take over the promotion of all boxing—in the same way that the MCC controls the County Cricket championship, and the Football League organises the fixtures in the Soccer set-up. I cannot imagine this proposition being carried. For consider what it would mean. Ponder on

the plight of the Managers' Guild—oops! sorry, Guild.

There would be no work for the men whom I have so often described as licensed pick pockets (and what an apology I owe them; I have been in touch with Scotland Yard and I'm assured that they're not licensed).

There could be no mismatches, no wicked decisions, no betting, no shouting the favourite home, no "bent" fights, no stalling by champions, no building up of "house" fighters, no matchmaker-managers and no skulduggery.

Of course, there might not be any boxing either; but, after all, one can't have everything.

IN BRITAIN

Whom do you believe in boxing? (Don't answer that question).

From London—and Jack Solomon—comes the information that there are plans to match "Sugar" Ray Robinson, undefeated Welterweight Champion of the world, with Randolph Turpin, British Middleweight Champion, in Britain next May.

Turpin has first to beat Tommy Yarrow (conqueror of Dave Sands), and Robinson has only to defeat Jake LaMotta for the world middleweight title, next February.

Then (London version) everything is fine and dandy.

Now listen to George Gainsford—Robinson's manager—as reported from Paris. Mr Gainsford (give him the straw and he'll drop the bricks) said that he had been trying vainly for three years to get our Randolph into the ring.

Mr Gainsford then went on to say that no match had been fixed and no promises made for a match next spring. Pulling out all the stops on the organ (Vox Humana, Sharp Mixture, Corn-o'-Bassett, Cor-Oboe, Bombarde, the lot), Mr G. let go on a high C as follows:

"You can quote me as saying that I will let Robinson fight Turpin if in some way Solomon can be induced to the match and Turpin can be enticed into the ring with Robinson."

Finishing strongly, if offensively, Mr G. thundered:—

"After all this time why is Solomon so sure that Turpin will be brave enough in the spring of 1951 to fight Robinson? It looks like it is going to take another five months to get Turpin's courage up."

All I can say is: May the best pair of tomils win.

But what a pity that Robinson, who is so superb in the ring, should create such an attitude of arrogance outside it.

Imagine a Joe Louis fight without a knock-down, even though big Joe did outpoint young Cesar Brion decisively at Chicago.

(London Express Service)

Drobny Wins

Lahore, December 12. Egypt's Jaroslav Drobny today won the Asian singles lawn tennis championship, beating Fred Korvalski of the United States, 6-3, 4-0, 6-4, 6-4, in the final.

Miss Dorothy Head of the United States took the women's singles title, beating Mrs. Joy McPherson of Britain, 6-3, 6-2, in the final.

Arthur McIntyre, surprise inclusion in England's team for the First Test Match, proves too sharp for Keith Miller as he catches him off a ball from Doug Wright for 15 runs during the first day's play at Brisbane.

BRITAIN'S BEST AT TENNIS

The new blood needed to put British lawn tennis on its feet is dripping slowly into the body of the patient according to the ranking lists issued by Colonel John Legg, the Wimbledon referee.

Failing an official list—not issued since before the war—these rankings from the leading executive of the game comprise the most authoritative yardstick of progress.

Col. Legg's first 12 men are: (1) A. J. Mottram and G. L. Pals, (3) H. Baxter, (4) H. F. Walton, (5) D. W. Butler, (6) H. Billington, (7) G. D. Oakley, (8) C. F. O. Lister, (9) R. E. Carter, (10) G. E. Godsell and J. A. T. Horn, (12) A. G. Roberts.

First 12 women are: (1) Mrs. J. Walker-Smith, (2) Miss J. Curry, (3) Miss J. Quartier, (4) Miss K. L. Tuckey, (5) Mrs. B. Harrison, formerly Hilton, (6) Miss G. E. Woodgate, (7) Miss S. Partridge, (8) Mrs. E. W. Dawson-Scott, (9) Miss P. Rodgers, (10) Miss E. M. Wilford, (11) Mrs. J. Lloyd, formerly David, (12) Mrs. D. L. Coutis.

FROM NOWHERE

New blood is represented by John Horn, who creeps into the tail end of the men's list, and Miss Susan Partridge. The latter is the more encouraging for in the one season this stylish 20-year-old Staffordshire girl has come from nowhere to 7th place.

Mrs. Jean Walker-Smith's grading as Britain's top woman comes from her ability to beat her rivals, though Miss Joan Curry is British hard court champion and Miss Jean Quertier the covered court champion.

(London Express Service)

Military

A table tennis league for LEP (Locally Enlisted Personnel) was started during the week ending Dec. 2, when the following units entered teams: RA (Stonecutters), RAMC (B.M. H.), RASC (6) Bomb Disposal Troop RE, HKCTU (2), RA JC, Mule Tpt Coy RASC (2), Water Tpt Coy RASC (2), R. Sigs (2).

To facilitate travel "A" Division for teams on Hongkong Island, "B" Division for teams in Kowloon and the NT. Winners of each Division will play against each other for the LEP Championship.

A Challenge Cup has been presented by Major J. F. Soper R. Berks, and will be presented to the champion team.

So far the RAMC (B.M.H.) are at the top of "A" Division with full points from the two games played whilst in "B" Division Water Tpt No. 1 seem favourites through their decisive victory over their No. 11 team.

It is of course much too early to predict the eventual winners, and from reports of the very high standard of play and keen competition the decision will be in doubt till quite late in the contest.

RECREIO TEAM

Club do Recreio 1st XI vs. Royal Navy to be played at Navy Ground 1.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday next will be: E.L. Gueano (Capt), G.N. Gueano, L.C. Gueano, A.M. Prata, A.P. Pereira Jr., A.P. Pereira, H.L. Ozorio, N.A. Beltrao, P.M.N. da Silva Jr., D.E. Almeida, Remedios, and M.A. Almeida Remedios.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles (by air or sea) and Parcel Post close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail where mails close on Sunday or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

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Formosa, 5 p.m.
Siam, 3 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Canada, 10 a.m.
Malaya & Indonesia, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Central & South America, 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
Closing Times By Air
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Formosa, 10 a.m.
Japan & Korea, 10 a.m.



The Australian surfing season is now in full swing with the approach of mid-summer. Recently 145,000 people went to Sydney's beaches and 220 of them had to be rescued. This picture shows that even at the end of a long run, the giant wave caused a mix-up as it rolled on to Bondi beach. Life-savers rescued 20 people in a mass rescue during the morning. — AP Picture.

Sold Dog Meat For Human Consumption

Brought before Mr Winter at Kowloon Court this morning on charges of selling dog meat for human consumption, eleven people from Siak Kip Mei village were fined sums ranging from \$60 to \$300.

DSI W. H. Summers told the court that the police carried out raids on four stalls fitted up as restaurants last night. He added that recently a great number of dogs have been missing.

In the first raid, So Choi 36, Lau Kwan 32, and Wong Kwong 36 were arrested. The first defendant was fined \$200 or two months, the second and third defendants were fined \$50 each or 21 days. Heavier sentence was passed on the first defendant as he was in charge of the stall.

The second stall was conducted by Chan Top 23, and he was fined \$200, his foks Ng Wah 27 and Chiu Fu 24 were fined \$50 each.

Cheung Wai 21, conducting the third stall was fined \$200 while his foks Lee Kwan 19 and Ho Hei 28, were each fined \$50.

Yuen Kai 39 conducting the largest stall was fined \$300, while his foks Lee Man 41, was fined \$200 or two months because he had a previous conviction for the same offence. Approximately 30 cartons of dog meat were seized by the police.

Posed As A PC To Evade Fare

Chiu Shek-lam, a shopfok, of no fixed abode, took a ride on a No. 4 Route bus which was heading for Queen Mary Hospital shortly after noon yesterday.

After boarding the car, he failed to tender the bus fare. However, a bus inspector who boarded the same vehicle along Queen's Road West near the Ko Shing Theatre, asked for his ticket to be inspected and was told that he was a Police constable 887. But when he was asked to show his identity, Chiu failed to do so, and eventually he was brought back to the Police Station where he was alleged to have made the same remark that he was a Police constable.

Before Mr Reynolds at Central this morning Chiu pleaded that he was absentminded when he uttered such a remark that he was a PC, saying that he had no intention of doing so.

For evading payment of bus fare, Chiu was fined \$20 or six days and for impersonating a police officer, he was fined \$50 for two weeks.

UNLICENSED TO TRADE

Skipper Of Trawler Fined \$250

For breach of his licence conditions, So Shing-tai, master of fishing trawler (shrimp) No. F1108HS, was fined \$250 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning. So was convicted for a similar offence in January and fined \$100.

According to Sub-Inspector L. G. Nippard, defendant's trawler was intercepted by the Marine Police in North Point on Tuesday morning and eight head of cattle were found on board.

The trawler came in from Swatow and she was not licensed to carry cargo, Inspector Nippard added.

To ascertain whether the trawler is suitable to carry cargo, or not, the Magistrate summoned Mr C. Brett, Senior Marine Officer, for his testimony.

Mr Brett said that had defendant applied for a trading licence, he would have been granted one. As a Class V craft, she would be allowed to carry cargo.

Defendant, pleading guilty, said that he was instructed by the owner to ferry the cattle to Hongkong. He was not conversant with the regulations and did not know that the trawler was not supposed to carry any cargo.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. Brass is an alloy consisting mainly of copper and zinc. 2. Scotland. 3. Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. 4. King of Kings. 5. The B. America genus "Rhesus" has three and the "Struthio" has two. 6. A believer in Mohammedanism.

Bandsman's Evidence In Manslaughter Trial

"Heard A Scream... Saw Somebody Going Over The Top Of Railings"

"When I had nearly reached the bottom of the staircase, I heard a kind of scream, so I looked around and saw somebody going over the top of the railings," said Bandsman Eric Sidwell, a trumpet player in the dance band of HMS Jamaica, when he gave evidence before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the continuation of the manslaughter trial.

Accused is Gordon Frederick Howard, 30, Chief Petty Officer of HMS Jamaica, who is charged with the manslaughter of Able Seaman David McManus, 26, diving instructor of HMS Tamar, on June 18. Howard is alleged to have thrown or by some means caused McManus to fall over a staircase and drop a distance of about 18 feet on the night of June 10-11, after a social function at the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Club had concluded. McManus died on June 18.

When the trial resumed this morning, R. A. Jones, Admiralty Police Officer, was recalled at the request of the Jury, who asked if he could give the lapse of the time from the moment he first saw McManus going over the railings of the staircase to the time he himself reached the body lying on the Dockyard compound. Jones said no more than two minutes elapsed.

In that time he had ushered his guests back to the guest-room, telling them to wait for him as an accident had occurred, and then dashed down the staircase himself.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope, formerly of Eastern CID, said he saw Howard with Sub-Inspector Laurell in Eastern Police Station about 1.30 a.m. on June 11. Howard had a slight abrasion under the right eye, his breath smelt of alcohol, he appeared to be a little unsteady but was still capable of standing on his own and had full control of his faculties to a certain extent, he said. He did not see any blood on the abrasion. After that he took accused to Queen Mary Hospital and after accused had gone through a medical examination he was later handed over to the custody of a naval shore patrol.

Bandsman Eric Sidwell, RM, was the next witness. A trumpet player in the Jamaica's band, he said the band was playing on the evening of June 10 at the Dockyard Police Club. It was led by Sgt. Glasspole, RM, who was also the pianist. Other members of the band included F.C. Tibbalt, John Quayle, C.A. Albred and a man named Richardson.

PASSED REMARKS

"I first saw Howard about 11.30 p.m.," said Sidwell. "He was sitting in a chair that had been occupied by Richardson. At that time the band was not playing. Richardson returned and spoke to Howard, but I did not hear what was said. Howard remained where he was. Then Sgt. Glasspole spoke to him and Howard left the chair. He went over to sit by the piano, and Glasspole returned to his own seat at the piano. The band recommenced playing. I heard accused pass a few nasty remarks while we were playing and also afterwards. He had asked for a certain piece of music which we did not have. His remarks were directed to the quality of the music and to the playing, but I did not hear him say anything about the players. I noticed nothing unusual about his appearance except that he appeared to be slightly under the influence of drink. I formed that opinion mainly from his speech, the sound of his words, and from his walk."

"We played several tunes and the next thing I heard a crash and I saw Glasspole lying among the drums. Accused was standing near him. Glasspole stood up and spoke to accused. He seemed to be very angry. Howard then disappeared somewhere."

KIND OF SCREAM

"As I was leaving the Club, I saw Howard again. He was at the top of the staircase with McManus. There were a few people on the verandah. Howard and McManus were about three or four steps down from the top when I passed them. I did not pay very particular attention to them. When I had nearly reached the bottom of the staircase, I heard a kind of scream, so I looked around and saw somebody going over the top of the railings. Standing on the stairs was the accused. He was the only person I noticed. I then ran around to where the body lay, and recognised it to be McManus. Sgt. Glasspole was already there."

Sidwell added that he had seen McManus, whom he knew, at the dance earlier in the evening, but had noticed nothing unusual about his demeanour.

Cross-examined by Mr Wright (for the defence), Sidwell said most of the members of the band had been drinking the evening. When he first saw Howard, there were some spare drinks lying around, but he did not notice whether anyone in the band offered these drinks to either Howard or his companion, CPO McCarthy. Neither did he notice whether the two men helped themselves to the drinks. When he saw accused, Howard was not then drinking.

NOT PAYING ATTENTION

Mr Wright: Just before you heard the crash and saw Glasspole on the floor, did you hear the accused say anything?

Witness: No.

At any time did you see the accused being pushed off the seat on which he was sitting?

No.

Detective Describes Arrest Of Alleged Opium Traffickers

Evidence of the part he played in effecting the arrest of the accused was given by Detective Crown Sergeant Chung Hung when he testified before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning, on the third day's trial of five men accused of procuring opium, selling opium and possession of 1,055 taels of the drug.

Accused were Hon Sai-king, 44, import and export merchant; Fan Fong-chol, 44, unemployed; Yeung Chung-ming, 34, unemployed; Tang Ping-lin, 35, accountant; and Tang Kwai-chuen, 41, company manager.

First accused was defended by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A. S. K. Lau, Mr A. J. Clifford appeared for the third accused, on the instructions of Mr D. L. Strellett, and the fourth and fifth accused were represented by Mr Brooks A. Bernaschi, instructed by Mr P. J. Griths. Second accused was not legally represented.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr J. Johnston, Director of Criminal Intelligence, assisted by Insp. R. Smith, was present for the Police.

A Jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

MAKES INTRODUCTION

Detective Crown Sergeant Chung Hung said on September 6 he introduced Wong Chung-sang, working under Police instructions, to a man named Chan, pseudo manager of a Chinese firm in Des Voeux Road, West, and there gave them certain instructions.

The same afternoon he saw third accused enter the firm. When third accused re-emerged, witness said he trailed him to Lee Yuen Street West and finally to a restaurant in King's Road.

Some 10 days later, he saw third accused call at the firm in Des Voeux Road, West. Later the accused left with the pseudo manager and witness followed them to an address in Wyndham Street.

Next morning, he and another detective followed a party comprising Wong, Chan, third accused and another detective to the residence of first accused, witness said. A little later, the same party, with the exception of third accused, left the premises with a parcel which they took to the residence of the Director of Criminal Investigations.

SAW BAGS DROPPED

He was near the vicinity of Java Street the same afternoon, witness continued, when he saw Wong and two other detectives go up to the residence of first

they heard no scream. I suggest it was pure imagination on your part when you say you heard a scream.

Witness: I did not hear the scream, I would not have turned around.

What sort of a sound was it? Was it a hoarse shout, or a piercing scream?—It was more like a shout.

Replying to the Jury, Sidwell said he thought McManus was lying about two feet from the side of the staircase when he reached the body, but he could not be sure.

The trial is proceeding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheaper Air Mail

Sir,—For several months my firm has been receiving commercial papers at special air mail rates, representing a third of the full charge. By the last two calls I have received a number of Christmas cards at this special rate. So far we have heard nothing of a reduced air mail postage to UK and other parts of the British Empire and I think it is time we had some information on the subject. The last (if any) air mail to reach UK before Christmas is scheduled to close on Friday and it is possible that the authorities are withholding an announcement with a view to reaping a harvest and thereby adding to the millions of surplus dollars which the GPO annually makes.

If a reciprocal arrangement has been made an immediate statement of the fact giving the date when it was reached should be issued. I have already come on PMG and PRO—get together!—MERCHANT.

The Pork Was Not Stamped

A conviction was registered against Suen Cheng-ming, 27, when he came before Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon Court this morning charged with possession of unstamped pork.

He was arrested at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station following the arrival of the local down train yesterday morning.

He had 47 lbs of pork and pig's organs which did not bear the stamp mark of the government slaughterhouse.

The defendant said that he bought the meat in Taipei and if it was not stamped it was not his fault, but that of the port stall.

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